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Serial Nos. 12

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. One (1)

Part B for April 1925

SUBJECT

Forg Roles of Dy offs. Dewan
in Dy Tumkur, Hassan, Shimoga & Kadur
Districts in March 1925. —

8/12/25 Office memorandum —
To Heads of Depts.
The Secretaries to Govt —
The D.C.s of Districts.
The Presidents District Boards, Tumkur
Hassan, Shimoga & Kadur Dists
No 8096-8156/- & 30-4-1925
Forg copies of Forg Roles for informa
& necessary action —

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Memo No. 431 Gm. 2572 (1)

REPLY

(To be written on this margin)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE Gm. 48-84

Dated.... 31st March 1925.

(3) Instructions may be kindly given to the Press to strike off as many copies as may be required. 20 copies may be kindly sent to the Dewan's Office for reference).

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(1) A proof copy of the Notes of the Officiating Dewan in connection with his recent tour in the Tumkur, Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur Districts, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to Government for favour of necessary action in accordance with the usual practice

(2) The notes may be also placed on the Press Table and copies sent to the Editors of the leading News papers.

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(4) The Chief Secretary to Government, with compliments.

(5) Action taken for careful attention to the instructions in the memo. 1.4.25

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Serial No.

6) As seen from the note made on two proof, the latter has been finally approved by the Dewan. As the original draft sent here, further verifications cannot be done. Submitted with draft.

7) TSR 8/4

8) Done NW 3/4

Issued G. 7694 dt 3.4.25.

Press file

9) Reminder to be submitted as directed in the linked file. GT 13/4.

10) Copies have since been received GM 13/4.

11) 20 copies of the Notes will, in the first instance, be sent to the Dewan's office as required in para 3 supra.

GM 13/4.

TSR 14/4

D.O) 12) Copies taken & returned with thanks

GM 14/4/25

13) Draft G.O. as submitted: for approval or other orders. Elections relating to the previous terms of the Dewan are also submitted.

(P. Q & R.)

GM 14/4.

TSR 14/4 NW

Draft approved

NW 14/4

Answer. 14) What is the prescribed procedure? Has it been complied with. If there is nothing more to be done besides the issue of the approved draft? MJ

Chitty) Secretary

MJ 15.4.25

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I believe the Dewan's office will have
noted copies for the perusal of Hh. I am
not aware if any other action is necy
before issuing the draft Order. From the
reference files put up it does not appear that
anything more is to be done.

16) Gen Branch Please note any
information available in reply to
Ch Secy's queries. [illegible] 16/4

17) It is ascertained from the Dewan's office
that a copy of the Govt orders has not yet
been submitted to Hh. and that action
will be taken now to submit a copy
of it.

The file is put up in accordance with
16/4. the precedents. The necessary procedure
is observed. There is nothing more to be done.
The file may be closed (perhaps after appl Dewan)

16/4

Ch Secy)

19.4.25

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File No. 49. of 1926.

Serial No. 2

O.M.

Secretariat, Survey Officer

Forwards the four notes of Offg Darogas in the Dts of Tumkur, Hassan, Kadur, Shimoga in March 1926 for information & necessary action and indicates that immediate action in matters of the powers of the Heads of Departments and Deputy Commrs. should be taken on which clear instructions are issued and if there are any difficulties, they have to bring into the notice of the Govt by Special Reports and obtain orders and as regards points on which final orders have not been passed, necessary steps may be taken to bring the matters to disposal and reports duly in the course and a Quarterly report should be submitted to Govt.

Copies have been distributed to all the Heads of Depts to refer to in the O.M. and also to the Editors of Newspapers on the exchange list.

This will be recorded.

B. 24.4.

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Yes 26/4

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

To G7694/Gl/93 3.4.25

The Supdt Govt Printing

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved proof relating to the ~~offg~~ Low rate of the offg Dewan in the Dts of Tumkur, Hassan, Shimoga & Kadur during Minor 1925 and to request you will be so good as to print and supply 250 bound copies of the same at a very early date.

I am etc

for Chief Secretary

Tbs.

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SUBJECT

Diary No. of letter replied to

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 29.4.25

Signed by Mr. M.V.J

List of enclosures

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Section G.M.
File No. 49-24
Serial No. 12.

No. 4 8096-156
G.M.

To

The accompanying notes of the officiating Dewan's Tour in the Districts of Tumkur, Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur in March 1925 are forwarded for information and necessary action as indicated below:-

(1) Immediate action within the powers of the Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners of Dts: Concerned should be taken on all matters

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(i) which clear instructions are issued in the Notes. If it should be any difficulty in carrying out these Heads of Depts and the Depty Commissioners concerned are requested to bring item of rice to notice of Govt. by special reports for orders.

(ii) As regards points on which clear instructions have not been issued but as a course of action is necessary the necessary steps may be taken to bring the matter to disposal and reports submitted to Govt. in due course.

(iii) Monthly reports of action taken should be submitted for the information of Govt. to the administrative branches concerned.

Sd/- [illegible] Chief Secretary to Govt.

15.4.25

To The Heads of Depts.

Copy to Secretary to Govt.
" Secretary to Govt.
" D.C's Kurnool, Hussain, Bhimavaram & Kadapa
" D.C's of other Dts.
" Dy. Dts. Dts. of Kurnool, Hussain, Bhimavaram & Kadapa
" Personal Assistant to C.C.

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Itinerary.

12TH MARCH 1925	...	8-30 A.M.—Left Bangalore by motor.
Kunigal.		11 A.M.—Arrival at Kunigal. Reception, Municipal Address and informal discussion with the officers and non-officials regarding the Tumkur water-supply, sericulture and agricultural conditions.
		In the afternoon, inspection of the Stud Farm, the Taluk Office, the Sub-Registrar's Office, the Local Co-operative Society and Kunigal Town.
		In the evening representations from the local people.
13TH MARCH 1925	...	Kunigal to Channarayapatna in the morning. Inspection of the Sericultural farm on the way and halt at Yediyur for breakfast. Laying of the foundation stone of the Hirisave Dispensary on the way. Halt at Channarayapatna.
14TH MARCH 1925	...	(MORNING)—To Sravanabelagola and back (to attend the Jaina Conference).
Channarayapatna.		(EVENING)—To Sravanabelagola and back, to accompany His Highness on an official visit to the Guru of the Jaina Mutt.
15TH MARCH 1925	...	Visit to His Highness' camp in the morning, inspecting Kantarajapura on the way. In the evening, town inspection and office work.
Channarayapatna.		
16TH MARCH 1925	...	To Sravanabelagola for opening the Musafirkhana and laying the corner stone of the in-patient ward gifted by Mr. Padmarajiah. To Arsikere by motor and on to Bhadravati by train.
17TH MARCH 1925	...	In the morning, inspection of the furnace and the Plant.
Bhadravati.		
		In the evening TEA PARTY at Mr. Ranganatha Rao Sahib's. Inspection of old town of Benkipur with the Deputy Commissioner, and hearing of representations.
18TH MARCH 1925	...	Visit to the lower terminal of the Ropeway at Tanigebyle and the upper terminal at Kemmangundi. (Breakfast). On to Tarikere to open the Town Hall and Library there, and back to Bhadravati in the evening.
Bhadravati.		
19TH MARCH 1925	...	Bhadravati to Shimoga. Inspection of areas affected by the floods, Co-operative Societies, proposed extensions, the Military parade ground proposed to be acquired, and hearing of representations.
		AT HOME of Shimoga Municipal Councillors and informal discussions with them.
		Afternoon, Shimoga to Harihar *via* Honnali.
		Arrival at Harihar at 9 P.M.
20TH MARCH 1925	...	MORNING—Inspection of areas affected by the floods, water works, breach in the Tungabhadra bridge, etc.
Harihar.		
		In the evening, TEA PARTY by the Municipal Council and distribution of prizes in connection with the cattle show.

21ST MARCH 1925 **Davangere.** ... MORNING—Harihar to Davangere. Inspection of Female Dispensary and Local Fund Dispensary. Visits to the local mosque and the Virakthswami Mutt.

In the afternoon, received a deputation of the members of the Chitaldrug Municipality in connection with water-supply. Inspection of the High School Building under construction. Visit to the Sadhu Saddharma Veerasaiva Hostel. TEA PARTY by the Municipal Councillors at the Town Hall.

Left Davangere by the mail train at 9 P.M.

22ND MARCH 1925 ... Arrival at Bangalore at 6-50 A.M.

TOUR NOTES OF MUSHIR-UL-MULK MIR HAMZA HUSEIN, B A., B.L., OFFG. DEWAN OF MYSORE.

PART I.—Narrative of Tour, Addresses and Replies.

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 1925.

Kunigal.—The Dewan accompanied by the Private Secretary left Bangalore at 8-30 in the morning and arrived at Kunigal at 11 A.M. The District Superintendent of Police of Bangalore escorted him up to Kunigal. At Kunigal, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Zahiruddin Mecci, the Municipal Councillors and the townspeople met him in a pandal where an informal address was presented by the Municipal Council. Among other officers present were Mr. C. S. Kuppuswami Iyengar, Capt. Aga Mahomed Jaffer, Mr. N. Rama Rao, Mr. Krishna Rao, the Vice-President of the Tumkur Municipality, Mr. Yegnanarayana Iyer and Mr. Ranajodh Singh. From the pandal, he proceeded to the Circuit House where he held an informal discussion with the officers and non-officials present regarding the Tumkur Water-Supply, Sericulture in the taluk and agricultural conditions.

In the afternoon, he inspected the Stud Farm and went through the town inspecting on the way the Taluk Office, the Sub-Registrar's Office and the Local Co-operative Society. In the evening, he heard representations from the local people.

(For notes of Inspection, *vide* Part II.)

FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH 1925.

In the morning, the Dewan accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur, Mr. Zahiruddin Mecci, left Kunigal for Channarayapatna, inspected the Sericultural Farm near Kunigal and halted at Yediyur for breakfast. He then proceeded to Hirisave being met by the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan and Mr. Nanjundiah, President of the District Board, at the border. At Hirisave he laid the foundation stone of the dispensary building. In requesting the Dewan to lay the foundation stone, Mr. N. S. Nanjundiah spoke as follows :—

Dewan Sahib, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is my proud privilege to extend to our Dewan Sahib a hearty welcome on behalf of the people of this district in general and those of this place in particular on the occasion of his first visit to this district as the Offg. Dewan of our Model State. As we all know, our distinguished guest is no stranger to us, but one who spent a considerable period of active service in this district in different capacities in each of which he made his mark as a just, independent and generous officer, who always rose to the occasion and whose name is still remembered as a friend of the poor, the helpless and the deserving.

At present, the time at my disposal is so short and the engagements on hand so full that I cannot enter into the details as to how we all appreciate his elevation to the Dewanship of our State, which is governed by our most beloved and exemplary Ruler.

This place was once a populous village and still continues to be a Village Panchayet. The town is congested and unfortunately for the residents, the question of extending the town has been pending for upwards 20 years, perhaps from the time when Mr. Chandy, the present Member of Council now in charge of the Local Self-Government Portfolio, was himself an Assistant Commissioner in this district.

The necessity for a medical institution in the place was being urged by the people ever since 1919 and that ornament of the medical profession, I mean, the retired Senior Surgeon Rajakaryapravina Rao Bahadur T. V. Arumugam Mudaliar, M. B. & C. M. whose nephew Dr. Balakrishna, the District Medical Officer has already endeared himself to the people of this district, expressed himself strongly in favour of a dispensary being started at the place even at that early date. Mr. Tirumalagirigowda, the President of the Local Committee, during his membership of the District Board and the Representative Assembly consistently urged for the opening of a Local Fund Dispensary, but in vain, till at last, after the reconsti-

Fund share of the cost for initial and recurring expenditure. The resolution of the Board was submitted to Government when our Dewan Sahib was the Member in charge of the Local Self-Government Portfolio The resolution met with ready support at his hands and the dispensary was forthwith sanctioned by Government in their Order dated 23rd of June 1923. No sooner was the sanction of the Government communicated to the Board, than the enthusiastic Vice-President of the District Board Mr. H. V. Rangaswami hastened to the spot, tactfully arranged to get a temporary habitation and saw that the institution actually commenced work on the 1st of July 1923.

It is needless for me to say that the inhabitants of the village which paid a very heavy toll on account of the outbreak of plague and influenza during previous years, as well as those in the neighbourhood appreciated the benefits of the institution, but, as usual, factious spirit in the village retarded any progress towards securing a permanent habitation for the same. This factious spirit had its own unfortunate effect even on the working of the Village Panchayet. The Vice-President of the District Board camped in the village for a few days, investigated the causes of the local differences, gave them healthy advice and succeeded not only in bringing about harmony among the contending parties, but in stimulating them to active co-operation in the interests of the village. This resulted in Mr. Tirumalagirigowda generously making a gift of about half an acre of valuable land and the local Patel Mr. Chowdegowda agreed that the required portion of a temple land in his enjoyment might be acquired for the construction of a permanent dispensary building. Besides this, the villagers have already placed at the disposal of the Board a sum of about Rs. 1,500 with a promise to pay up a further sum of Rs. 500 as their contribution towards the cost of the dispensary building; and this gift by the villagers is a clear index of their enthusiasm for which Messrs. H. Manjiah, a member of the District Board and the Representative Assembly, as well as Messrs. Basavegowda and Nanjundegowda are mainly responsible.

This offer on the part of the villagers is no doubt worthy of appreciation and the District Board is in a position to contribute a sum of about Rs. 3,000 to supplement this amount. The plan of the building follows the new type design approved by the Government consisting of a hall, a store room, an examination room, a compounding room and two separate wards for men and women with bath rooms, and a verandah with a beautiful frontage. Considering the elevation of the site, the building when it springs up promises to command an imposing appearance If the formation of the extension so long overdue be immediately accomplished, there is every prospect of many of the villagers constructing houses immediately, and as the lands selected for the purpose, viz., S. Nos. 17, 18 and 19 are situated just on the site on which we are now assembled, the dispensary will then serve not only the existing village, but also the extensions and there is no doubt that it will prove a real boon to the inhabitants of this village. The estimated cost for the dispensary building is Rs. 10,500 and I trust that Government will be pleased to meet the balance of the cost out of State Funds.

The people of this village and those of the neighbourhood to whom the newly opened dispensary has proved a blessing, as well as the District Board of Hassan, take this opportunity of expressing their gratefulness to you, Sir, for having supported their cause and secured for them this dispensary. It has long been their desire to associate your name with the opening of the dispensary and they are not a little delighted that you have been able amidst your numerous duty to find time to accede to their request to lay the foundation stone of the Local Fund Dispensary building, and for this kindness we are greatly thankful. On behalf of the District Board of Hassan and the people of this village, I request you, Sir, to kindly lay the foundation stone of this new dispensary building and bless the institution with your best wishes.

The Dewan made a brief reply in Kannada thanking the District Board for the congratulations and the appreciative terms in which they had referred to his services. He said that a dispensary at Hirisave was very essential as it served a large population of nearly 1,400 in the village and 14,000 in the hobli. He spoke in high terms of the services of Messrs. Nanjundiah, the President and Mr. Rangaswami, the Vice-President, and said that if such men were forthcoming in other districts, the Local Self-Government Scheme will be a success. He congratulated Messrs. Tirumalagirigowda and Chowde Gowda for the free gift of land and praised the public spirit of the villagers who had contributed nearly Rs. 2,000. On behalf of the Government, he accepted their gift and hoped that the dispensary would have a life of ever increasing usefulness.

After the function, the Dewan and party motored to Channarayapatna and halted for night.

Saturday, 14th March 1925.

In the morning, the Dewan waited upon His Highness the Maharaja in Camp Sravanabelagola and accompanied him to the pandal where His Highness opened the Jaina Conference. He then returned for breakfast to Channarayapatna.

In the afternoon, he went to Sravanabelagola again to accompany His Highness on an official visit to the Guru of the Jaina Mutt.

Sunday, 15th March 1925.

The Dewan went to His Highness' Camp at Sravanabelagola, visiting on the way Kantarajapura village (for Inspection notes, *vide* Part II).

In the evening, he inspected the town of Channarayapatna and attended to office work.

MONDAY, 16TH MARCH 1925.

On the 16th, the Dewan motored to Sravanabelagola where he opened the musafirkhana newly constructed by the District Board and laid the corner stone of the in-patients ward gifted by Mr. Padmarajiah for the use of the local dispensary. In requesting the Dewan to take part in this function, Messrs. Nanjundiah, Padmarajiah, and S. Venkatesiah referred to the services of the Dewan in the Hassan District in various capacities and to the history of the two institutions. The Dewan replied as follows :—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me great pleasure to take part in this function and to express my thanks for the opportunity given of associating myself with two works of public utility very much needed in a place of sanctity and pilgrimage like Sravanabelagola. In the admirable address which was delivered the day before yesterday by our beloved Sovereign, he has described in inimitable language the historic importance of this place and how it attracts devotees from all parts of India. A rest-house or musafirkhana is a matter of urgent necessity and so also the in-patient ward of the dispensary which has come into existence through the generosity of our worthy citizen, Mr. Padmarajaiya. But before proceeding further, allow me to thank Col. Crawford and Mr. N. S. Nanjundaiah for their kind congratulations on my elevation to the highest place in the service of our Sovereign and to the warm welcome you have accorded me. Though I am not a native of this district, I have become one by virtue of my long association with it. The early days of my service were spent here, and to it belongs the credit of having laid the foundations of my future advancement in service. I cannot, but refer here to my late lamented friend Dalavoy Devaraj Urs, who was for long the Deputy Commissioner of this district and under whom it was my privilege to serve as a Superintendent of Police. The recollections of those days are still fresh in my mind and they form the happiest period of my life.

The District Board of Hassan could not have undertaken a work of greater urgency and utility than the construction of a musafirkhana here ; for, as I have already stated, Sravanabelagola is a great centre of pilgrimage and though a number of chattrams are in existence provided by the charity of the pious people, a musafirkhana built on modern lines was absolutely necessary for the accommodation of the middle classes of people that resort to this place. The District Board of Hassan has, since it came under the control of non-official President and Vice-President, shown commendable zeal in the matter of providing facilities to the travellers and looking after the comforts and well-being of the people committed to its charge. Four new roads have been opened—the Arsikere-Huliyar road, the Alur-Kundur road, the link road between Kodlipet-Kuttaya road and the Hole-Narsipur-Channarayapatna road. Another new road from Haranahalli to Javagal is proposed and provision has been made in the current year's budget.

Under medical relief, the Board has added two dispensaries and one maternity to the sixteen dispensaries that were in existence in the district three years ago. There has also been a corresponding increase in the number of *Vaidyasalas* maintained in the district. The District Board has been quite alive to the needs of the agricultural classes and it has succeeded in securing the opening of two Veterinary Dispensaries, one at Arsikere and the other at Arkalgud. Proposals for the opening of another dispensary at Hole-Narsipur have been received and the question is under the consideration of Government. In the matter of affording facilities for travellers, the Hassan District Board is second to none. It has constructed three musafirkhanas during the short period of three years including the one which we are assembled in here to open, and I must here express the appreciation of Government for the ready manner in which it accepted their proposal to construct a musafirkhana at Ramanathpur—another place of pilgrimage—which has suffered heavily from the recent floods.

The Board has also shown a very commendable progress in working out the rural water-supply scheme and its work in the matter of providing drinking water wells is beyond all praise.

I have in another place expressed the acknowledgment of Government for the help rendered by the District Board in the construction of the Gorur bridge which is in a fair way to progress. Another work of importance of this nature is the bridge over the Hemavathi at Mandagere, the construction of which is so much urged by the people of Sravanabelagola, and I have no doubt that the District Board of Hassan will do everything in its power to further the scheme. Government have abandoned the idea of constructing the bridge at Akkihebbal in view of the representations made by the people of Sravanabelagola and they have already placed the work in their sanctioned programme. But the demands on the purse of Government are many, and in these days of financial stringency, the needs of sound finance require that preference is given to remunerative projects in the first instance. If the burden of the Government be eased by voluntary contributions from the people, there is every chance of this work being taken up at an early date.

But the most notable feature of the activities of the Board lies in the matter of Education. Hassan District was one of the first districts that levied the Education Cess and the step that the Board adopted has already resulted in increased educational activity. There are some District Boards which are recalcitrant in this matter, though the requisite number of Taluk Boards have agreed to the levy of the cess. The result is that the spread of education is greatly hampered in these districts. Government cannot tolerate this uneven spread of education and disharmonious development of the country, and they have resolved to make the levy of Education Cess compulsory. With this object in view, they intend introducing a Bill into the Legislative Council providing for the compulsory levy of Education Cess by District Boards whenever they are called upon to do so by the Government.

The record of the Hassan District Board has been one of steady progress in all matters affecting the happiness and well-being of the people committed to its charge. Of course, its activities are circumscribed by considerations of finance. In my address at the last Local Self-Government Conference, I pointed out that there was no element of expansiveness in the finances of District Boards and that it was

not possible for them with their limited resources to meet the growing demands in the matter of public health, medical relief and other amenities of life. In the new Local Boards amending Bill, provision has been made for investing them with the power to levy cesses and I hope the District Boards will not be slow to use this additional power.

It has been a matter of sincere gratification to me that the President, the Vice-President and some prominent members of the District Board have been using their influence in arousing the charitable disposition of the people and organising it on modern lines. They have succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of many a public spirited gentleman in matters of education and medical relief. To mention only a few instances, I can cite the school buildings gifted by Mr. K. Yellappa and Mr. Lakshmana Setty. Mr. Hoskura Basave Gowda has also given a building for accommodating the Veterinary Dispensary at Saklespur. There are other instances but this will suffice to show how the springs of charity in the Hassan District have been tapped through the influence of these gentlemen and how the people of this district have been co-operating with the Government in their efforts to promote the happiness and well-being of His Highness' subjects.

It was therefore in the fitness of things that Mr. Padmarajaiya should have come forward with the free gift of a beautiful building together with an annual grant of Rs. 50 for the maintenance of a dispensary in Sravanabelagola. With his wonted liberality, he now proposes to add an in-patient ward to the dispensary at a cost of about Rs. 5,000. Thanks are also due to the Swami of Sravanabelagola for having agreed to grant the adjoining land for locating the building. I hope that when this building is completed it will carry out the beneficient intention of the donor and be a very popular institution.

With these words, gentlemen, and thanking you once again, I will now proceed to open the musafirkhana and lay the foundation stone of the in-patient ward of the Sravanabelagola Dispensary.

The Dewan then proceeded to Arsikere where he entrained for Bhadravati. At Birur and Tarikere the townspeople came to meet him at the Railway Stations and made some representations.

At Bhadravati, he was received by the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga, Mr. Syed Taj Peeran, Sir Haji Ismail Sait and Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, the Government Director, Mysore Iron Works. He halted at Bhadravati for the night.

Tuesday, 17th March 1925.

In the morning the Dewan inspected the furnace and the plant. (Notes of Inspection confidential.)

In the afternoon, Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib was 'At Home' to the Dewan and to several other guests invited for the occasion. In the evening, the Dewan accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, inspected the old town of Benkipur where he received representations and inspected the dispensary.

Wednesday, 18th March 1925.

In the morning the Dewan was accompanied by Mr. Ranganatha Rao Sahib and Mr. Syed Taj Peeran proceeded by train to the lower terminal of the rope-way at Tannigebyle. After inspection he motored up to Kemmangundi Mines and inspected the works. In the afternoon, he returned to Bhadravati *via* Tarikere where he opened the Town Hall. The Vice-President of the Tarikere Municipality read an address which was as follows :—

Sir,—On behalf of the people of the Tarikere Town, Members of the Municipal Council and the Town Hall Committee, I crave your kind indulgence to permit me to welcome you to this Town and to express our heartfelt sincere congratulations on your well-deserved elevation to the Dewanship of Mysore and the recognition of your valuable services to the country by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. Your kindly condescending to come to this place and open this Hall and Library to satisfy our humble desire, in the midst of your multifarious duties and busy programme, has filled our hearts with joy and satisfaction at the unique honour conferred on us especially as we have been trying to this end ever since October 1923 when this function had to be postponed owing to the sad demise of Rajasevadhurina Sirdar Sir M. Kantharaj Urs, late Dewan of Mysore. Hence we feel thankful that you kindly accepted this humble invitation. We feel within our hearts that we are not able to offer as befitting a welcome to you as you deserve or even as you have had in other places, yet in all humility, we earnestly request you that, considering our ignorance as well as the shortness of the time at our disposal, you will, with your usual wonted kindness, overlook the various shortcomings and omissions that may appear and take our humble and loyal will for the deed itself.

2. The foundation stone of this Town Hall building was laid by Rajasevadhurina Sirdar Sir M. Kantharaj Urs, late Dewan of Mysore of revered memory, on 28-2-1921 and the building, though not completed, was yet ready for opening by 4th October 1923 when it was proposed to be opened by Rajamantradhurina A. R. Banerji, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., Dewan of Mysore, but owing to the sad demise of Sirdar Saheb it was postponed and we have not had an opportunity to open it till now.

3. The revised estimates for the cost of the building have come to Rs 15,695. We have till now been able to realize Rs. 2,208-12-0 from public subscription, Rs. 8,000 by grant from Town Municipal Council, Tarikere, and Rs. 3,800 realized from the sale of Municipal Park donated to the Town by Mr. Courpalais. On a reference by the President, Municipal Council, the Government were pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 2,960 in their Order No. 8077—Ml. 40-23-12, dated 15th April 1924, which amount has to be utilized for further construction work.

4. The work of construction was undertaken as a work of love by Mr. Meer Mahomed, who was then and is now the Vice-President and we thank him that he has made the building available to us. I take this opportunity to thank also the members of the Town Hall Committee and especially Mr. C. N. Garuda Iyengar who, I am told, started the scheme and work. The work is not yet complete ; putting up of store rooms and a compound enclosure as well as stair-case remain over as supplementary items of work to be done and it is hoped that the Executive Engineer will kindly see to the completion of this before the close of the official year if the Comptroller does not withdraw the Town Hall funds.

5. When I came to this place, I found that the policy of the Council had been confined towards building up a big reserve for water works and drainage schemes. Though this had resulted in accumulating the balances of the Municipality to about Rs. 64,750, the condition of the Town remained as it was many years ago and a scheme of improvement appeared to be necessary. Other important activities of healthy civic life like providing a library and literary and social facilities and conveniences for the public, had not received any attention. Hence we proposed to embark upon a fresh ambitious programme changing our angle of vision (*vide* Municipal Council Resolutions passed at their meeting held on 31st July 1923) and we are now earnestly trying and hope to bring the level of the utility and efficiency of the Municipal Administration to the highest possible degree. As a first step, we are opening up a free library named after our beloved sovereign His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. We have also formed a Town Improvement Committee under Government Order No. L. 9340-41—Med. 139-23-2, dated 30th May 1924. We have also tried to improve our roads and drains consistent with the funds available. The proposal for having a combined Maternity Dispensary building for this Town has received the sanction of the Council and a site for the same has been selected by the Deputy Commissioner and the Senior Surgeon and we hope that the same will receive Government sanction early and we shall have an up-to-date Dispensary.

6. *Sri Krishnarajendra Library.*—The Municipal Council at their meeting convened on the 31st July 1923, unanimously resolved to open a Representative Library and to name it after His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore and to locate it in the Town Hall. A sum of Rs. 2,000 was proposed to be met out of the interest accrued on the amount deposited by the Municipality for the purpose, but Government sanctioned only a sum of Rs. 750 during last year. A sum of Rs. 2,000 was provided in the current year's budget, but Government sanctioned a sum of Rs. 750 this year also while sanctioning the budget, owing to the financial situation of the Council. Sanction of Government was also obtained to name the Library as Sri Krishnarajendra Municipal Library in their Order No. 7055-7—Ml. 30-23-8, dated 6-3-1924. We request both the District Board and the Government to sanction a grant to the Library, but both the District Board and the Government could not find their way to sanction their grant for the purpose.

The Library, as it stands at present, consists of English, Kanarese, Sanskrit, Urdu and Persian Books, a total sum of Rs. 764-9-0 being spent for the purchase of books till now. It is proposed to improve the Library by equipping it with books of the present day, and attaching a Free Reading Room section also immediately, in commemoration of your kindly opening this Hall and Library. Though the Government have not seen their way to sanction any grant for the same so far, yet we hope that by your kindness some way will be found to patronize this Library. We also request that copies of Government publications may also be caused to be supplied free and that our ambitions to make this a Central Representative Library for serving the Malnad areas will be viewed with sympathy by Government.

7. Besides this, a number of problems of Town improvement, water-supply and other kindred activities are receiving our close attention and we are also at the same time examining our sources of income and prevalent conditions with a view to increase the revenue of the Council as the new activities that are proposed to be taken up will involve additional expenditure. The Council has resolved to contribute its share of cost of an up-to-date water supply scheme and the scheme is being worked by the Water-Supply Construction Department and we hope that Government will kindly sanction the same when it comes up for orders.

8. We require better educational facilities and the grant of a High School to this place is essential. Better accommodation for Government Anglo-Hindustani School and a Hindustani girls' Schoool are necessary. Raising of the Elementary Girls' School to the Anglo-Vernacular Middle School for Girls is also necessary. We sincerely trust that the educational needs of the place will receive kind consideration.

9. We have taken much of your valuable time But before we conclude, we respectfully beg to submit that our Municipality has not been lucky enough to obtain any special consideration or help in its various activities as some more fortunate sister Municipalities have had. To some extent, we are also to be blamed as our programme has not been ambitious enough in the past to attract the attention of Government. But now with a change in our programme and the large amount of development and social work that are proposed to be taken up, our efforts will not bear the desired fruit unless the Government encourages us and displays active sympathy in our endeavours. We fervently pray and hope that your kind and sympathetic encouragement, guidance, and patronage will be our main support in our future deliberations and work and that the claims of this Council also, when presented before Government, will receive more than their due share of attention in view of our lagging behind other Municipalities.

10. With these words, we request you, Sir, to kindly declare this Hall and the Sri Krishnarajendra Municipal Library open.

The Dewan replied in the following terms :

[illegible] Tamilian Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am very thankful to you [illegible] for the very kind words in which you have [illegible] to me on my election to the highest post in the gift [illegible] Sovereign. I am very [illegible] for the opportunity given to me of associating myself with [illegible] Rajaseva Sabha and Sir M. Kantaraj Urs, who [illegible] but all the people of the State. He was [illegible] and the question [illegible] that general wish and felicity are associated with [illegible] sympathy for the people is well-known to all of us. I [illegible] the honour of having to perform the opening ceremony of the [illegible] Hall which is constructed by the Shimoga Municipality and is named after the Sister [illegible] 1921.

[illegible] back to over a generation when 52 years ago I was [illegible] the high [illegible] in order to pay my way to take [illegible] important to the Kolar District with [illegible] matters of a Pleader and as most frequently used [illegible] Vakeel." I am glad to see that the town [illegible] be loud with many [illegible] important [illegible] Narasimharajapuram [illegible] ways and [illegible] Bangalore Water [illegible] with their [illegible] prosperity. It is [illegible] evening of my early [illegible] constituting Town [illegible] of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, who first as Chief Engineer [illegible] Executive Officer, [illegible] matters, the people [illegible] improvements and [illegible] considerations with [illegible] most of the Taluk headquarters. A [illegible] feature [illegible] many places private [illegible] have come forward with [illegible] roads and metalled [illegible] said in my address [illegible] the Local Bodies have not been slow in encouraging [illegible] Taluk [illegible] not an exception to this general [illegible]

[illegible] that the Municipal Council, the Municipal Boundaries of the Sub-Urban Estate [illegible] forming a Municipality. Parliament took over that [illegible] purpose. Mr. Cowasjee was a planter of this [illegible] and quite [illegible] selections. It was [illegible] constructed in Shimoga [illegible] affording shelter to travellers [illegible] as the [illegible]. It was then a very agreeable surprise to [illegible] that [illegible] of this [illegible] Municipality to [illegible] Town Hall. For various reasons the project [illegible] with the wishes of the donor, the Municipality [illegible] the cost of constructing this Town Hall. The Municipality [illegible] to lease the building out for private [illegible] was brought to my notice that the building was not worthy of the requirements of [illegible] to Mr. Mir Mohamed [illegible] Vice-President [illegible] the completion of the construction.

[illegible] dealing with [illegible] matters [illegible] Municipal [illegible] no less than [illegible] Committees have [illegible] Government [illegible] Audit [illegible] the Sri Krishnarajendra Library which will [illegible] books have been [illegible] Government [illegible] Government [illegible] publications [illegible] Library. I shall [illegible] matter if you will [illegible] Government [illegible] Address, viz., the Water [illegible] have been [illegible] to Government [illegible] the Government [illegible] one of Taluk [illegible] Municipality, there does not seem to be such an urgent [illegible]

[illegible] need not be [illegible] anxiety as to the [illegible] Government [illegible] Highness the Maharaja and has been [illegible] facilities of town [illegible] the State on the [illegible] some of the above [illegible] Government for [illegible] others. The scheme for the water supply to [illegible] that it will receive sanction if it is considered [illegible]

With these few words, I have great pleasure to open the Town Hall and the Sri [illegible] Thank you once more and wish your town every prosperity.

After the above the Secretary of the local Anjuman Islamiah presented him with an address in which they prayed for a graduate Headmaster for the Hindustani School, a

maternity for the town and the shifting of the shandy day from Friday to Saturday. The Dewan explained the difficulties in getting the requisite number of graduates as Headmasters for Hindustani Schools and informed them of the action taken to establish a maternity at Tarikere.

As regards shifting the weekly bazaar to Saturday he referred them to the Deputy Commissioner. On his way to the Town Hall the local merchants requested him to establish a Village Munsiff's Court to try civil cases of a value up to Rs. 50. The Dewan promised to investigate the matter.

THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH 1925.

The Dewan left Bhadravati at 8-30 in the morning and reached Shimoga at 9-30 A.M. He was received near the travellers' bungalow by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Syed Taj Peeran, Mr. C. Subba Rao, Vice-President of the District Board, Mr. Subba Rao Naik, Vice-President, Municipality, and the other officers and important non-official residents of Shimoga. He walked over all the areas affected by the recent floods, making enquiries and receiving petitions. On the way he also inspected the local Co-operative Society and the newly formed House Building Co-operative Society. Passing through Chikka Brahmins' Street, Kumbargundi and Sevoypalya, he next inspected the proposed extensions, and the military parade ground proposed to be acquired for this purpose.

In the afternoon, the Shimoga Municipal Councillors were " At Home " to the Dewan and other guests invited for the occasion where the Dewan held an informal discussion with the citizens on the proposals formulated by a Special Committee for measures to be undertaken for shifting the people from the flood area to safer localities and for protecting the town from further ravages. He then left for Honnali where he was invited to " Tea " by the Nawab Saheb. He then proceeded to Harihar.

At Malebennur, the Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldrug (Mr. S. Venkatarangam), met him with the other District Officers.

FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH 1925.

HARIHAR.

The Dewan accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, the Sub-Divisional Officer and the Vice-President of the Municipality, Mr. Gundappa Naik, inspected all the areas flanking the river which had been affected by the floods on the 26th July 1924. He also inspected the water works, on the river side, for the supply of water to Davangere and Harihar and also the breach in the bridge. In the evening, he was invited to " Tea " by the Municipal Council, after which he inspected the Harihar Jatra and presided at a meeting for distributing prizes in connection with the cattle show held in Harihar.

The Dewan in distributing the prizes congratulated the several owners who had exhibited at the cattle show and said it was very gratifying for him to see that cattle from all parts of the Mysore State as well as from the Dharwar and Bellary Districts had come for the show. He had heard of the celebrity of this jatra and of the large number of cattle that congregate here annually, but the actual sight of the collection of cattle and assemblage of the people surpassed his expectations. It was an agreeable surprise to him to hear that it was started by his friend, Mr. Chengiah Chetty as Deputy Commissioner in the year 1909 and he was pleased to see that the show was becoming increasingly popular, year after year, drawing as it did people from remote corners of the State. In this connection he mentioned the solicitude of His Highness' Government for the well-being and prosperity of the agricultural people and of the cattle, in particular, and said that the Live Stock Department in the State was now conducting experiments to improve the breed of cattle in order to combine all the requisite qualities for which they are priced. Some amount of progress has been made for evolving a breed which would be useful for milching and draught purposes, and he hoped that when the experiment proved successful wide publicity would be given and every effort made to make the breed popular. He thanked Mr. Gundanna Naik for the compliments that he had paid him, and said that while he did not agree with Mr. Gundanna Naik that it gave any additional importance to the cattle show by his presiding on that occasion, it was peculiarly appropriate that he should associate himself in that function as the order transferring the control from the District Board to the Municipality was passed by

him as Member of Council. He said he was highly pleased to see the good management of the cattle show by the Municipality as it had justified his expectations.

Finally he assured the people of Harihar that steps would be immediately taken to acquire lands for extension and to proceed to the allotment of sites to shift the people from the danger zone of floods and to afford every relief to the sufferers in the late floods.

SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH 1925.

On the morning of the 21st the Dewan left Harihar for Davangere, where he inspected the Female Dispensary and the Local Fund Dispensary. He also visited the Vaishnavite and the Viraktaswami Mathas. At the latter place, a representative body of devotees Sri Mahantaswami waited upon him, and Mr. Chandrasekharaiya, a member of the Matt brought to the notice of the Dewan the educational work of their Sabha. The Dewan replied complimenting them upon their good work and said Government would be glad to consider the question of a grant for their Boarding School if definite proposals to that effect were put forth was made to them.

In the same room some members of the Chitaldrug Municipal Council waited upon the Dewan and represented that they wanted a subvention of Rs. 10,000 for sinking a well in Tilak Nagar-Venkatakare and the subvention could not be given, they should be allowed to divert an equal sum from the loan raised for the water supply project. The Dewan requested them not to fritter away the funds on works of temporary benefit, but to wait for some time when their water-supply project would be an accomplished fact. He then proceeded to inspect the High School Building which is in the course of construction.

After visiting the Sadhu Sadharma Hostel, he went to the Town Hall where the Municipal Councillors entertained him to "Tea."

He then took the mail train at 8 P.M. and arrived in Bangalore on the 22nd March 1925.

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PART II.—Inspections.

KUNIGAL.

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 1925.

Stud Farm.—On the 12th March 1925 the Stud Farm consisted of 8 stallions, 60 brood mares, 61 foals, 2 pony mares, 3 private mares and 2 private foals. Besides these, there were 12 farm bullocks, and 2 buffaloes. Of the foals one is a 5 year old, one a 4 year old, 4 three year old and all the rest less than 3 years. Nine of these foals are said to be very promising. All the milch cattle have been sold as the foals are now fed with mothers' milk and not weaned very early.

The percentage of births for the last 4 years is given below :—

1920–21 ..	20·47%	1922–23	58·46%
1921–22 ..	30·61%	1923–24	74·4%

The birth rate has considerably improved since the old stallions were removed, and the following amounts were realised during the last five years by the sale of horses :—

Year	Number of horses sold	Realizations Rs. a. p.
1920-21 ..	45 ..	27,428 0 0
1921-22 ..	68 ..	46,656 12 0
1922-23 ..	46 ..	31,110 0 0
1923-24 ..	29 ..	7,110 0 0
1924-25 (up to 8th February 1925)	..	2,360 0 0

The total quantity of kulthi purchased during 19-1924 and 1924-25 was 1,159 pallas and 746 pallas respectively. The cost of purchase was Rs. 14,617 and Rs. 13,049. In addition to this, ragi straw and paddy straw purchased during 1923-24 were as follows :—

			Rs.
Ragi straw ...	306 tons	valued at ..	12,362
Paddy straw ..	7 ,,	,, ..	642
Hessarghatta grass	21 ,,	,, ..	642
Forest hay ..	27 ,,	,, ..	1,096
	Total	..	14,742

The green grass, hay, lucerne, etc., grown on the farm paddocks, gardens and kavals are as follows :—

Green grass ..	372 tons 1441b.
Hay ..	57 ,,
Ginned grass ..	13¼ ,,
Rhodes grass ..	2¼ ,,
Green maize ..	13⅓ ,,
Dry ,, ..	6⅓ ,,
Lucerne ..	95⅔ ,,

In addition to these, the harvested crop under the *varam* system was as follows :—

Paddy ..	29 candies 4 kolagas
Kulthi ..	70 pallas.
Ragi ..	16½ ,,
Thogari ..	75 seers.

The area of the paddocks consisting of the farm proper is 235 acres 36 guntas. The gardens of Begur and Ramabann measure nearly 80 acres. While the 4 kavals of Herur, Bagangere, Sankigatta and Gollar have a total extent of 676 acres 29 guntas.

The proposals of the Superintendent, Captain Aga Mohamed Jaffer are as follows :-

From his present area of lands, he can get 9 months' supply of grass and Rs. 7,000 worth of grain. The latter he proposes to secure by giving the wet lands for cultivation of paddy and the dry lands for the cultivation of kulthi and other dry crops of the *varame* system. The cost of grain required for each year is about Rs. 21,000 and three months' grass supply has also to be purchased. To be able to do this, he represented to the Dewan during the inspection of the Farm that if three more Amrutmahal Kavals lying close by his land and at little used at present by the Amrutmahal Department could be placed at his disposal, he would get all the grass and grain required for the farm. The three kavals wanted by him are :-

Muvasandra Kaval,
Nadenarsipur Kaval, and
Dipambudi Kaval.

A report will be called for from the Amrutmahal Department as to why these kavals should not be rendered.

The Dewan inspected the Ramabana Garden the next day. An Agricultural Inspector is said to be in charge of the operations there. His work is quite unsatisfactory. An Inspector is not required to grow lucerne. His appointment has to be abolished to give more funds under lucerne. His services may be dispensed with.

Taluk Office, Kunigal.

The total area under cultivation has increased slightly from 113,500 in 1920-21 to 115,000 in 1924-25, the area cultivated being 93,096 acres in 1920-21 and 97,332 acres in 1924-25. The increase in cultivation under mulberry is noticeable, being 384 acres in 1920-21 and 980 acres in 1924-25. The area under other crops is more or less stationary except in the case of sugarcane which has decreased by nearly two to three hundred acres in the years 1923-24 and 1924-25 probably on account of the failure of the crops during these years.

As regards dharkhasts 181 are said to have been pending at the beginning of the year. The total receipts up to date of inspection were 309 bringing up the total to 476 applications involving 7,220 acres. Of these, 295 applications were disposed of involving 3,360 acres. There is a large pendency of 181 applications still to be disposed of. These figures include the disposal of 38 applications for land from the Panchamas for 549 acres of land. Thirty-six applications from them are still said to be pending. The demand for the year under Land Revenue was Rs. 1,66,675 including the arrears of previous years of Rs. 9,906. The collections up to date of inspection are very meagre being Rs. 26,130 towards the current year's demand and only Rs. 899 towards the previous years. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to see that the collections are pushed up more vigorously than appears to be the case.

Sub-Registrar's Office, Kunigal.

The number of registrations has progressively decreased from 2,827 in 1920-21 to 2,457 in 1923-24. During the current year the number of registrations so far is 1,090, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 1,118. The cause is said to be the bad seasons prevailing in the locality.

Kunigal Co-operative Society.

The society is said to be in a flourishing condition. Provision for a reserve fund of Rs. 10,000 is said to have been made, but on enquiry the Dewan ascertained that only Rs. 11,000 is invested as Working Capital and the rest is in the Mysore Bank. A dividend of 8 per cent is said to be declared for the year 1922-23 and the Secretary expressed his hope to be able to distribute the same dividend this year also but the accounts of 1923-24 have not been audited. This is regretable. During the recent Distress Season, advances are said to have been given to the local weavers. This society has taken up the work of selling the seed grains and ploughs to its own members as well as to others. About 145 persons are said to have purchased nearly 9,000 seers of seed ragi and ploughs during 1923-24. Three ploughs of the new pattern were also sold. During the present year 107 persons bought 345 seers of seed grains and 2 maunds of Kambli cotton seed.

Other matters.—In the course of conversation with the officers, the Dewan ascertained that the principal tank in that locality, namely Kemmanahalli tank, had breached, but that the project for restoration had been given up as the cost was expected to be prohibitive. It is said that more than 1,000 acres of mulberry were under cultivation when this tank was in repairs some years ago, but that owing to the breach, the wells in the several gardens had dried up and the acreage under mulberry dwindled to a very small extent. It is necessary to investigate whether this tank should not be treated as a special case for restoration in the interests of sericulture.

Mr. Krishna Rao, the Vice-President of the District Board of Tumkur, brought to the notice of the Dewan that the water-supply loan should be thrown open to outsiders and the interest raised from 6 to 7 per cent to attract investments. He also brought to notice that an injunction had been issued against him by the Munsiff of Tumkur preventing him from taking part in certain discussions in the District Board. A special report should be made to Government by the Deputy Commissioner in the matter.

The lower atchkatdars under the Lakshmidevi Tank complained that on account of the supply of water to the higher lands for growing two crops, they were deprived of their legitimate supply for growing even one crop. They wanted that water should be guaranteed to them for raising one crop every year. The Dewan said that the representation could not be entertained as there was no provision in law to enforce their suggestion.

Inspecting the town extension in Kunigal, the Dewan was constrained to observe that no provision had been made for drains and the roads were badly cut up. A special grant should, if necessary, be asked for this purpose.

FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH 1925.

Hirisave.—It was represented to the Dewan that the local school had on its rolls nearly 150 boys and that the building was not sufficient to accommodate all the classes. The Inspector-General of Education is requested to investigate this matter and take early action.

SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH 1925.

Kantharajapura.—This village has a population of about 700 with 150 houses. There is no Village Panchayet and the old Village Improvement Committee is said to be not working. There is a Boys' School as well as a Girls' School provided with buildings. The Boys' School building is not in a good condition. Nearly 150 boys and 39 girls are said to be attending from this and the neighbouring villages. The people represented to the Dewan that their tank for which nearly Rs. 3,000 had been contributed by them was not yet completely repaired and that the Public Works Department had stopped the work for want of funds. The Executive Engineer may be asked to send a special report about this matter. They also represented that the road from Mandagere to Sravanabelgola should pass through Kantharajapura and not through Kikkeri. The villagers were referred to the District Board President.

INSPECTIONS AT CHANNARAYAPATNA.

The Dewan inspected the work for filling up a ditch at this place for which a special sanction of Rs. 3,000 has been made by Government. The outlay incurred is said to be Rs. 1,500, but the work done so far does not seem to cost more than 100 to 200 rupees. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to investigate and report the names of the persons responsible.

MONDAY, 16TH MARCH 1925.

Birur.—The townspeople represented to the Dewan that there is a leak in the Madag tank which had not been repaired for a number of years and that the water above a certain level was running waste. The Chief Engineer is requested to get a special report from the Executive Engineer and take early necessary action.

Another matter which they brought to the notice of the Dewan was that the railway crossing near the station was a source of great interference for the free passage of traffic along that road on account of the numerous shuntings at the station. The Traffic Manager, Mysore Railways, is requested to investigate the matter and take early action to minimise the grievances complained of.

Tarikere.—The people complained that the question of increased accommodation for the Hindustani Boys' School either by constructing a new building or by renting a suitable building had not been solved in spite of frequent representations. The Dewan will be glad to have a special report about this matter from the Inspector-General of Education.

The Dewan made inquiries about the Tarikere-Narasimharajapura Tramway and was glad to hear that the working had improved though the trains on sandy [illegible] are still very over-crowded.

BHADRAVATI IRON WORKS (*CONFIDENTIAL*).

TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH 1925.

Bhadrapur.—The people represented to the Dewan that the water of the [illegible] was contaminated by the flow of the refuse water from the Iron Works and urged that on sanitary grounds the pipe water supply of the works should be extended to the old town proper. The Government Director explained to the Dewan that arrangements had been made to stop the refuse water from flowing into the river and that the grievances would be removed shortly. They also represented that the local school was in great need of an efficient headmaster. The Inspector-General of Education is requested to take early action in this matter. It would appear that there was a serious fire accident recently at the place and that no help by way of free gift of timber and building materials has yet been given to the sufferers. The Deputy Commissioner will kindly look into this.

Another matter concerning the extension of the local Masjid is also referred to them. The site asked for for the extension of the Masjid may be given. The people complained that the increase in seigniorage from 4 annas to 6 annas had raised the price of fuel from Rs. 1-4-0 per cart load to Rs. 3-8-0. The Dewan told them that the increase was not due to the enhancement of seigniorage but other economic considerations.

THE DISPENSARY AT BHADRAVATI.

The stock of medicines is said to be sufficient. The most prevailing disease is malaria. There was cholera last year for nearly two months. The local midwife has attended to 72 cases in the current year. Though a separate vaccinator has been given to the Municipality, the person appointed is said take leave very frequently with the result that there is a large percentage of unprotected children. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to take early steps to get all the unprotected children vaccinated. Disciplinary action should be taken of the vaccinator who is absent without permission.

The Musafirkhana and the Sowar Stables attached to this building which were in the possession of the District Board are said to have been sold by public auction. It is not clear how the District Board could have sold these two buildings, especially the stables, and credited the sale proceeds to District Funds. The money should properly speaking go to the Government. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to send a special report in the matter.

It was also ascertained that the mileage rate of license fees for motor vehicles had not been assessed on such of them as had taken a permit under the old rules for the current year. This requires investigation. The Local and Legislative Secretary will kindly submit a note.

FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH 1925.

INSPECTIONS AT HARIHAR OF THE AREA AFFECTED BY FLOODS.

The Bridge.—Arches Nos. 5 and 6 have collapsed and one pier completely washed away and it is proposed to reconstruct the damaged portion by building a strong central pier with girders thrown across it. It was ascertained that three such iron girders are available at Harihar with the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. These have been once used for the Railway bridge and, since the bridge was provided with new girders recently, are now available for sale. Three girders of the I pattern, each fifteen inches wide, will be used at a distance of six feet apart from one another and a thin sheet of concrete will form the arches so as to restore the symmetrical appearance of the bridge. Two pillars of the contiguous arches remaining intact have been cracked. It is not intended to interfere with them. They are to remain as they are.

This matter requires further investigation. Baling operations are well in progress and the detailed estimate is under preparation. The Dewan learnt that much of the cart traffic to Davangere bringing cotton from British Districts was at a stand-still on account of the damage to the bridge, though some carts were still plying at the ford at a little distance from it. It is very necessary to complete the repairs to the bridge as early as possible so that the cotton trade of Davangere may not be adversely affected.

Town.—The flood was heaviest on the 26th July 1924. The number of villages which suffered from the submersion was 10. In Harihar Town the number of houses that were partially and wholly affected were 207, out of which 151 were entirely lost and 56 partially. The relief ordered by Government is as follows :—

1. Rs. 2,000 for gratuituos relief *vide* G. O. dated 29-7-1924.
2. Rs. 6,000 for loan to a co-operative society to be formed for house-building purposes, or the Harihar Municipality for advancing loans (G. O. dated 9-1-1925).
3. Rs. 3,000 for takavi loans to individual holders of lands submerged (G. O. dated 20-9-1924).
4. Rs. 2,000 loans to sufferers in Chitaldrug District (House Building) G. O. dated 29-7-1924.
5. Rs. 2,000 to give House-building advances to officials who had suffered (G. O. dated 8-8-24).

The last allotment of Rs. 2,000 has not been used at all as no officials have suffered from the floods. Out of Rs. 2,000 sanctioned for gratuitous relief, a sum of Rs. 1,000 was withdrawn by the Central Flood Relief Committee and an amount of Rs. 758-4-0 was distributed to sufferers in rural areas and the balance was refunded to the Treasury. In this manner 83 sufferers in the moffusil received gratuitous relief of sums varying from Rs. 5 to 15. In the town a sum of Rs. 1,161-4-0 was raised by subscription of which Rs. 541-4-0 was contributed by the local Co-operative Society and Rs. 500 by the Municipality. A sum of Rs. 979 was distributed to 153 sufferers in Harihar Town in sums varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 20. The balance is with the Secretary, Flood Relief Committee. Building materials of the value of Rs. 376 have been given to rural sufferers in five villages and of the value of Rs. 587-4-0 are in stock for use in Harihar Town. Rupees 50 was spent in distributing Jolam to Begars of three villages. Seventeen blankets sent by the Central Committee have been distributed in the sub-taluk. It is reported that in five of the villages affected, new sites have been given to sufferers and they are already living in newly built houses. Estimates for seven wells in three villages have been sanctioned by the District Board and work must be shortly undertaken. No takavi loans have been granted yet. There are 32 applications in the town and 19 in the taluk for an amount of Rs. 4,000 in the taluk and Rs. 6,000 in the town. As regards shifting the people from the danger zone to the extensions, it is proposed to acquire S. Nos. 2, 4, and 20 to form a new extension. The total extent to be acquired (8 acres 18 guntas, plus 2 acres 20 guntas, plus 11 acres 13 guntas) is 22·11 acres. The case is posted for enquiry on 23rd instant. These are in two different parts of the town. Facilities for water cannot easily be created as the level does not permit the water in the pipes to rise to the height of S. Nos. 4 and 20. S. No. 2 is quite suitable. The Dewan inspected other parts of the neighbourhood and found that S. No. 15 (21 acres 15 guntas) and S. Nos. 1—1 and 1—2 (5 acres and 18 guntas assessed at Rs. 10) were suitable for this purpose. Nineteen acres and 32 guntas out of S. No. 15 have been acquired for the construction of a rest-house by the Palace at a cost of Rs. 198. The Dewan is of opinion that if the new extension is located in these three S. Nos. (2, 1—1, 1—2 and 15), the area will be compact and funds will not be dispersed in three places as is inevitable in the first proposal. The levels of this proposed extension permit extending the water-supply tot hese parts of the town. No grant of free timber and bamboos has been made in Harihar as there was delay in acquisition and in the meantime orders were passed by Government withdrawing the concessions. So far as Harihar is concerned, concessions will have to be kept open till sites in the new extension are allotted. The Assistant Engineer, Sanitary Division, should proceed to Harihar at once and mark out the sites, roads, etc., for the new extension. He may also mark out a danger zone.

As regards the House Building Society, the Assistant Registrar says that efforts to start one were fruitless. The local society refused to take up this work with the result that the Municipality had to come forward to do it. The Municipality have taken the responsibility of distributing the amount of Rs. 6,000 sanctioned for this purpose and have formed a loan distributing committee of five members to go into the question of solvency of the applicants.

In the disposal of sites the Municipality should be instructed to grant a certain part of the land as sites free of cost to the poor and the rest at a suitable price according to the rules on the subject *vide* G. O. dated 8th August 1920. No licenses should be granted for building warehouses in the danger zone. The old site may be given to the owners for using for agricultural purposes such as for stacking hay, growing vegetables etc.

The work of shifting the population from the danger zone has been very slow. The Deputy Commissioner and the Sub-Division Officer are requested to take immediate steps to reconstruct the fort extension before the next monsoon, taking action under section 17 of the Land Acquisition Act, if necessary.

Other matters. The Dewan also inspected the Anglo Vernacular School, Anglo Vernacular School for Girls, Hindu and Boys' School. The last named is located in a dark dingy house unsuitable for the purpose. Steps should be taken at once to shift it to a better house and if no other house is available the congestion in this school should be relieved by engaging another house and holding some classes. A well for *Pegasus* is absolutely necessary and this should be given to them, if necessary from the allotment for Drinking Water Wells &c.

INSPECTIONS AT DAVANGERE.

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Female Dispensary. This institution is in charge of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon. The attendance is 30 to 35 per day. For the last three years, the number of out-patients was 11,8 and 14 respectively. The stock of medicines is said to be sufficient. The dispensary is located in the District Board Chattram building and estimates for construction of permanent building have been countersigned by the Municipality and the District Board. Work will shortly be taken up.

Local Fund Dispensary. The Assistant Surgeon, Mr. Pillai, showed the Dewan round. The out-patient work is about 100 per day. A Sub-Assistant Surgeon seems to be absolutely necessary to help the Assistant Surgeon and to prescribe when he is absent from station.

The Dewan scrutinised the estimate of Rs. 31,000 for the newly sanctioned Maternity and Child Welfare Centre which is proposed to be constructed in an adjoining site. No provision has been made for quarters for nurses and for the Lady Doctor. The Dewan observed that the Maternity Home was of any use if there was no provision for the Lady Doctor to live on the premises. Some of the citizens present said that they would undertake to build the wards at their own cost and that Government might give the quarters for the Staff. The Senior Surgeon and the Deputy Commissioner are requested to take up this question and see if anything can be done for providing quarters for the staff on the lines suggested above.

The High School Building. The estimate is for Rs. 63,000 and the original sanctioned estimate Rs. 48,000. There is plinth for six sections of the High School in addition to the Lab. rooms. The Head Master told the Dewan that there were seven sections and that the facilities for hostel accommodation in Davangere the place was becoming more important as centre for High School students.

The present building will shortly be found insufficient to accommodate the whole school. The Dewan instructed the Executive Engineer whether it would be possible to extend the building by adding rooms on the last side of the rectangular block without raising storeys over the front blocks. This seems to be possible and may be done when necessary after the High School grows in strength.

Other matters. The matter represented to the Dewan that the Old Town Police Station recently ordered to be sanctioned was in a very central locality and might be put into a condition fit for occupation by executing a few repairs. They wanted the Police Station to remain at that central place. The Inspector-General of Police is requested to stay the order of sale until further orders. An out-post may be constructed on the site of the present station.

They also brought to notice that the absence of a Lady Doctor in their place was a serious handicap for the popularity of the Female Dispensary. The Dewan explained to them the difficulty of getting suitable Lady Doctors and promised that he would send one to them as early as possible.

The drainage scheme of the Town has been held in abeyance for want of funds. The Dewan is of opinion that this work is of urgency and importance and should be taken up as early as possible.

The people also urged the opening of the University Entrance Classes in their High School which the Dewan promised to consider.

PART III.—Miscellaneous.

Informal Conference with the Members of the Shimoga Municipal Council and other Leading Citizens held at Shimoga on the 19th March 1925.

The Dewan commenced the Proceedings by explaining to the citizens that the proposals of the Special Committee could be divided under two heads :—

(1) the measures that have to be adopted immediately so as to give relief to the people of the flood-stricken area, and

(2) the measures, such as the proposed embankment on the left side of the Tunga river, which would take a number of years to complete.

As regards the latter, he promised the townspeople that he would send the Chief Engineer to investigate and prepare a project for the purpose, and as regards the former he explained that the financial difficulties of Government were increasing day by day and that the question of the grant of any sum of money was not to be thought of. Government would find it difficult even to grant the relief loan, when they were themselves borrowing. He would be very glad to consider their demand for a loan if they could show some means of repayment such as by making provision for a sinking fund or otherwise. Otherwise, if their finances be worsened, that their normal revenue was unable to meet their normal expenditure and unless they showed some means to meet the loan in easy instalments, Government would find it very difficult to grant the amount. Messrs. C. Subba Rao, Sitharamayya, Gundachar, Subbarao Nayak and Amirbaig spoke on behalf of the townspeople. They represented that it was Government's duty, whether there was financial stringency or not, to relieve the distress of the flood-stricken people and that a free grant should be made for the purpose. However small it was, and that as regards the repayment of the loan they would be able to do so by enhancing the revenue if Government would kindly allow them to collect the surcharge on taxes. Their income would be increased by at least Rs. 5,000 on revision, as the present assessment was very old and the surcharge duty would give them Rs. 2,000. They would thus be able to pay back at least Rs. 7,000 every year towards the repayment of the loan.

Mr. Mahadeva Subba Rao said that the loan was a measure of doubtful utility, that when the Municipal Council is compelled to repay the loan, they would naturally sell the sites by public auction and the poor people will not be benefited. On the other hand, the financial condition of the people was such that it would be impossible for them to repay the loan, however sincere may be their intentions.

The Dewan replied that he would take all their opinions into consideration before he passed orders on the subject.

(Further action has since been taken in regard to this matter and orders are separately under issue.)

REPRESENTATIONS FROM RAIYATS.

The following is a list of the more important representations received by the Dewan in the course of the tour besides those already dealt with in the body of the Tour Notes. These should receive prompt attention from the respective departments and the action taken reported for the information of Government :—

Sl. No.	Taluk	Place	Representation in brief	Dewan's orders
1	Magadi ...	Musalmanara Palya, Dakhle of Kalari Kaval village.	Pray for the grant of 100 acres of Gomal Kharab land in Kalari Kaval village, without auction.	May be sent to the Deputy Commissioner for disposal.
2	Kunigal ...	Haleyur ...	Government is recovering the tank maintenance charges, but the rights of fishery and grazing in tank bed have been taken away. Recovery of the charges may be waived or the rights ceded to them.	To Secretary, Public Works Department, for getting a report from the Executive Engineer.
3	Channarayapatna	Hirisave ...	The site selected by the Vice-President of the District Board for extending the village may be sanctioned.	To Secretary to Government Local and Legislative Departments for early action.
4	Do ...	Channarayapatna ...	The Panchamas of the place represent that a land which was granted to them, on their representation to His Highness the Maharaja, is now proposed to be given to certain well-to-do persons (Kale Gowda, Gollara Puttaiya and others) to their prejudice.	To Revenue Secretary for getting a special report from the Deputy Commissioner.
5	Do ...	Kantarajapura ...	The villagers have constructed a road at their cost from Mandagere to Sravanbelagola. Pray that it may be taken over by the District Board and arrangements made for its proper maintenance.	May be referred to the President, District Board, for disposal.
6	Tarikere ..	Lingadahalli ...	Pray for the construction of a tank by damming Bekkinhalla.	To Secretary, Public Works, for disposal.
7	Do ...	Do ...	Owing to non-restoration of Marekalluhalli village tank, their dry crops too are being washed away. Tank may be repaired early.	Do
8	Do ..	Do ...	Wants an Hospital ...	To Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, for getting a report from the Senior Surgeon if the people are willing to contribute for a building.
9	Do ...	Lakshmisagar and other villages.	For extension of the Bhadra channels so as to supply water to their lands.	To Secretary, P. W. D.

Sl No.	Taluk	Place	Representation in brief	Decisions orders
10	Tarikere	... Tarikere ...	Pray for reduction of the Municipal tax on cloth from Rs. 2 per hundred to Rs. 1-9-0, and also for exclusion of transmission charges from levy.	Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, for disposal.
11	Shimoga	... Shimoga ...	(*i*) The large exports of paddy from the place may be stopped.	The people have been told that this cannot be done.
			(*ii*) Arecanut bags may be allowed to be kept in the Goods Shed.	To Railway Secretary for an early reply.
			(*iii*) Hospital may be improved, so as to accommodate more patients and also better equipped.	To Secretary to Government Local and Legislative Departments for getting a report from the Senior Surgeon.
			(*iv*) Only one engine pumping water and supply insufficient though it works almost all the day. Another engine may be installed and supply improved.	To Secretary to Government Local and Legislative Departments, for getting a report from the President.
			(*v*) The river has turned its course towards the town. Its inroad may be checked by putting some dams, etc.	To Chief Engineer for investigation and report.
12	Do.	... Somasamudra ...	Tank repairs not properly executed. Weir is leaky.	Secretary, Public Works Department for enquiry.
13	Do.	... Holalu ...	Houses burnt down twice by fire in recent years. More suitable sites for rebuilding the houses and free supply of timber and other materials may be given.	May be sent to the Deputy Commissioner, for enquiry and report.
14	Honnali	... Cheelur ...	Pray for a drinking water well ...	To Deputy Commissioner for report.
15	Davangere	... Davangere ...	The members of the Sadhu Veerasaiva Sangha pray for early disposal of their request (to the Education Department) for a grant to their Hostel and the appointment of a Supervisor for the same.	May be sent to the D.P.I. of Education for report.
16	Harihar	... Harihar ...	The Begars represent that they live half a mile away from the town and pray for a pipe to supply them with drinking water.	Deputy Commissioner to kindly investigate the case under Drinking Water Works Scheme.
17	Do.	Do. ...	The muslim residents complain that the Cothwal Chavadi where they were formerly keeping Tabooths has been converted into a Reading Room. Want the place to be made available for keeping Tabooths.	Deputy Commissioner for a report.

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